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It was not unusual for Chandler to ask Mark Hanna how much his victory for sound money at Columbus cost him. Chandler is that kind of a politician himself.

The Courier is fretting for fear that The Republican will never be a "paper of any political influence even should they make a better newspaper than it is." Leaving out the bad grammar, this is a very neat compliment and one from an unexpected source, too. Thanks, awfully, old boy, and quit worrying about The Republican. Leave that to us.

The hardest worked official of Governor McCord's appointees is Dr. G. W. Vickers, territorial auditor. It is gratifying, however, that none are more competent than he. The office of auditor in this territory is one of manifold duties and great responsibility and in choosing a successor to Mr. Leitch the governor was fortunate in selecting the man whom he did.

There is a well grounded suspicion that the bottle from which the inmates of the county hospital are "doped" contains the same liquid which performed such marvelous cures at the insane asylum during the Franklin administration. The reported percentage of cures at the asylum in those days of miracles was about eighty. It may be that the county hospital has fallen into the hands of "angels" unawares. It would be hard to make the inmates believe it, though.

Mayor Adams with characteristic energy has about completed his plan of reorganizing the Phoenix police force. This is a job that other mayors have hesitated to tackle, but one which Mr. Adams was determined should be accomplished. That he has succeeded so well in the face of persistent opposition, part of which came from his own party, speaks well for the mayor's ability. In filling the last vacancy on the force it is hoped that none but an earnest party worker of known probity will be chosen.

The "home rule" fends in various parts of the territory are not making any such headway with their petitions as they anticipated. The people of Arizona do not want "home rule." It is statehood or nothing with them. In fact, a more idiotic scheme of government has seldom been sprung on an unsuspecting people than this home rule business. It is a remarkable fact that the reputation element of the territory is the element that is urging the home rule bill. The whole plan is one concocted by populists and free silver democrats to get control of the territorial offices in that the whole danger lies.

The Tucson Star of the 22d has the following to say on the home rule matter: "When you hear persons declare that such and such persons are in favor of any given measure, because it may be to the personal advantage of the advocates or that they oppose a given measure or object, because it may prove a disadvantage to them, put it down as a rule which will admit of rare exceptions that they believe the person of whom they speak or pretend to judge, are advocated by motives which would actuate them were they in the place of the persons of whom they speak. This fact can be applied with force to those newspapers which cannot conceive how a person or other journals can disagree from them, except from selfish motives. They show themselves in a still more unenviable light when they take it for granted, and charge others with opposing measures, who have not given an expression of opinion on the subject. But they conceive that it would be to their personal advantage to defeat the measure, hence, according to their own views, that man is all for himself as against the community and the world. They take it upon themselves to see the standard of action of others by their own pint measure. The fact is well illustrated by some of the so-called home rule frothings of those who don't seem to have the slightest conception of what the home rule bill provides for or what home rule as set forth in the congressional bill means.

AN UNWARRANTED CONTEST.

Yesterday's dispatches state that Mayor McKisson will probably contest the seat in the United States senate to which Mark Hanna was recently elected. The contest is to be based upon the alleged bribery charges which were made by the defeated faction at the time Hanna was elected. McKisson, who is mayor of Cleveland, Hanna's home, wants to be senator himself and was the candidate of the anti-McKinley republicans of Ohio. Charles L. Kurtz, Governor Bushnell and Senator Foraker, were among McKisson's backers. They raised heaven and earth and enlisted the services of the democratic press of the country to defeat Hanna. When they failed the cry of bribery and fraud was raised and now Senator Hanna is to be put on the rack by these soreheads. The fight in the republican party in Ohio is one of long standing and rare vindictiveness. That both factions are guilty of reprehensible conduct there is no disputing. For a long time, however, the McKinley wing of the party has held the whip hand. There is little doubt that the friends of President McKinley could have defeated Foraker for senator two years ago, or Bushnell for governor, at either of the elections which he won, had they chosen to do so. That they did not, shows that they were true republicans and lovers of fair play. The same votes which elected Governor Bushnell for a second term also declared for Mark Hanna for United States senator. Had the Kurtz-Bushnell crowd been fair they would have accepted the decision of the voters at the polls and aided Hanna instead of opposing him. On the contrary they went right on with the fight and even tried to form a combine with the democrats to carry out their purpose. That they were outwitted and fell down completely is now a matter of history. The defeat of Hanna at this time would have been a party and a national calamity, the responsibility of which would have rested upon this revengeful combine. There is little doubt but that the carrying of the contest further will come to naught, as it properly should.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

The passage of the immigration bill by the senate, and by a good majority, would indicate that the bill is destined soon to become a law, especially as the measure has been almost unanimously approved by the republican members.

The question of educational restriction upon immigration has been before the people of the United States for a long time, and has been variously attacked and advocated. There can be no doubt, however, that there is a popular conviction that some such regulation should be in force. While our country is still open to immigration on a generous scale, our numerical strength is now so great that we can well afford to discriminate. The literate and the otherwise worthy will be as welcome as ever, but there is no longer room for the very lowest classes of foreign people who have made the United States a refuge only to breed social discord and menace the very freedom that invited them from the lands of their nativity.

Sentiment in favor of this restriction has become so strong that opposition now emanates almost wholly from the great steamship companies and a few other interests that would suffer from the cutting down of immigration. The enemies of the present bill, and other measures that have been proposed, have been most active in circulating any and all kinds of literature designed to make sentiment against the proposed legislation. They have mailed this literature to newspapers, and when, in turn, a few newspapers took the bait, the rehash has been distributed broad cast.

It seems, however, that there are enough right thinking men in the present senate—and probably enough in the house also—to secure the passage of the bill. The measure is not an exacting one. Its provisions are as liberal as could be devised in order to put in force a wholesome educational restriction.

HOT STUFF.

We quote the following from the Yuma Sun, one of the leading democratic papers of the territory:

The territorial bar association has addressed Judge Webster Street as chief justice of Arizona. The necessity for this became apparent when an eastern bond syndicate manifested a desire to defeat Judge Street's confirmation when he dared to other than their bidding. It is to be hoped Judge Street will meet with no opposition when his name comes before the senate for confirmation.

The home rule syndicate attempted to have the Mohave county board of supervisors endorse the syndicate resolutions favoring their scheme, but were unsuccessful.

The Flagstaff Gem, alias the Sky-light Kicker, alias the Cocoonino Sun-Democrat, alias "any old thing," says that the taxpayers of Yavapai and Cocoonino counties prefer to be called "republicans" to "parting with their honest earned dollars to pay a corporation a debt without it was based on honesty and justice." There was a more honest or just obligation

contracted than the P. & A. C. bonds. The legislature, the loan commission and the courts of this territory have so declared, also the congress of the United States. Kicking by repudiation newspapers will not help the matter; the debt is a valid one and must be paid. If the "Gem" were as as bright as gems are supposed to be it would score a point by putting a shoulder to the wheel and advocating the payment of the bonds. It is evident, however, that this "Gem" prefers to shine as a repudiator.

GOSSIP OF CYCLEDOM.

A soft tire is almost as treacherous as quicksand. It goes back on one when everything seems all right. Coasting a rough hill, turning sharply a corner or out of a car track will wrench it off frequently and sometimes punctures it.

County road commissioners in Pennsylvania are allowed to devote one-tenth of the road taxes for the construction of paths for the exclusive use of wheelmen. They are not compelled by the law to make these paths, but the wheelmen see to that.

In London, when a scorchier is arrested, he is riding a very high-geared machine, that counts as evidence against him. The authorities over there are wise enough to know that no rider cares for an 80 or 90 gear, unless he wants to scorch.

Arthur Zimmerman, who was champion for 1892, 1893 and 1894, will reenter the lists next year. He has signed a contract with the management of the Princess Park track in Paris to ride in competition races and record trials from March 1 to September 30, 1898.

The "bicycle lift" is the latest imaginary disease attributed to cycling. It is alleged to be due to involuntary contraction of the leg muscles, resembling the equine "stringhalt." No doctor ever reported a case of the kind, but the story goes well with the yarns about the bicycle face, eye, hand, foot and back.

It is the general opinion that city authorities will soon enforce the use of brakes on all wheels, and therefore inventors are at work again. At least three varieties of brakes have been put out which operate by a lever roller coming in contact with the chain when the rider back pedals, the lever driving a spoon against the tire. Another style operates by pressing a button on the grip, thus raising a lever attached to a friction band on the crank axle.

IN THE OLD WORLD.

Licata, on the south coast of Sicily, at the mouth of the Salso, the ancient Himera, is about to build a large commercial harbor in the expectation of drawing the trade from the east that now goes to Naples and Brindisi, as it is on the direct route from Port Said to Gibraltar.

Verviers, the frontier station on the Belgian-German frontier, where travelers are subjected to the annoyance of the custom house inspection, happens to be the birthplace of Viennetemps, the violinist. The town is going to set a bronze statue to its one distinguished son.

Burma grows a hard wood called Pyinkadon which the British have found makes excellent railroad sleepers. The wily Burmese, however, who sell the wood, having discovered that the British engineers know little about it, have taken to dyeing cheap wood a bluish color and painting it off for Pyinkadon.

A tapestry map of Warwickshire, Shakespeare's county, 24 feet by 18, and made in 1598, is now on exhibition in London, where it had been sent to be repaired. It is one of five made by Flemish weavers imported into England, and is the largest and most minute topographical record of the time. It once belonged to Horace Walpole, but is now the property of the York museum.

There are two kinds of bad hearts, one depraved, the other diseased. For the latter better see Dr. Swetnam.

MUSICAL NOTES.

The Treble Clef club is arranging for another recital to take place at an early date at which Miss Mabel Messenger will assist and make her debut in Phoenix. We look forward to hearing Miss Messenger with great interest.

The following is a little fact worth chronicling: A lady ordered a firm to send a tuner to her house to put her grand piano in order. The expert came, operated, and returned. In a day or two a letter of remonstrance came from the lady, stating that the piano was not tuned properly. So the head of the firm went down himself to investigate and on arrival was conducted by his hostess to the offending instrument. After exhaustively testing its intonation, he politely remarked that he found it in perfect tune. "I quite agree with you," said the lady. "It is all right when you play on it. But directly I begin to sing to it, it sounds entirely out of tune."

I cull the following from a criticism in a musical paper touching up on Listz's "March of the Crusaders," and with special reference to that composer's melodies, the critic tells a not inappropriate story: "They remind one of that dinner that the miserly young widow of a rich Austrian banker offered to a celebrated journalist, where the firm went down himself to eat that he actually was hungry at the end of the meal. So, when the lady of the house most courteously said to him, 'I have been very pleased to see you here, my dear sir. When will you do me the honor to dine with me again?' he replied, to her amazement, 'Now, at once!'"

The death of Fred Fuller was a sad shock to the many acquaintances he made during his stay in Phoenix. His violin playing was of a high standard

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of finish and always charmed those who listened to him. It seems indeed sad that one so young and gifted with such talents should be snatched from us so early in life. In private life he was a thorough gentleman and a general favorite.

Here are a few extracts relating to chorus singing, written in the thirties: "The choruses went with the correctness of a steam engine." The choruses (Israel in Egypt) were given with surprising grandeur; the enormous masses of sound, tossed, as it were, from side to side of the orchestra, rolling round and round the hall, and sometimes bursting like thunder over the audience, were sublime and even awful." Again: "The overpowering grandeur of those volumes of sound rolling over us was one of the sublime things we ever witnessed." Here was a critic who could "see" the volumes of sound. The following specimens may be useful in the way of increasing the vocabulary of the "new" critics, if there be more than one of that bellicose, or libellous ilk: "We cannot conclude this brief notice without warmly panegyricizing the instrumental performers." "The words 'O, Mercy! Heaven! We Sink! We Die!' could not be translated into a more perfect musical expression—they made the blood thrill."

"Signor Nicolini," the husband of Madame Patti, who died last week, was greatly devoted to the donna. On the night of a performance he faithfully remained near her dressing room door to obey any little order from the queen of song. He never left her presence unless he was obliged. His devotion to her was very great.

The Elks' musical social, tendered to the ladies, is postponed until Feb. 8th, owing to the fact that one of the artists who has promised to appear has been obligated to make her first appearance under the auspices of the Treble Clef club.

It is a great mistake to suppose that stimulant brace up one's system for such trying work as concert singing. They may give a temporary impetus, but there is bound to be a reaction; and if the habit is continued one's temperament "soon develops into a series of ups and downs which is fatal to good, steady, reliable work." We should say that it all depends on the amount and kind of stimulant taken. A little weak whisky and water has been Patti's standby for many years, and it is admitted that she has still some voice left. Mahler never sang without first drinking a pot of porter, and Grisi also fortified herself with stout between the acts. If the singer obtains a temporary impetus, what more does he need? He does not go on singing forever. The truth is that, in a matter of this kind, every singer must be a law unto himself. What would Mario have done without the solace of his cigarettes if he had been obliged to take the course of the faddists?

The ball to be given by the Phoenix city band to obtain some funds should be patronized by all citizens alike. If you don't dance buy a ticket and help to fill the coffers. The band has pleased many thousands this season and now is the opportunity for showing a little appreciation. The band is in need of money for uniforms, instruments and music, besides many incidental expenses. Some citizens tax themselves monthly to support the organization. The general public ought to respond very willingly, when asked for a small dole once a year. May the band have a plethoric purse "after the ball."

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